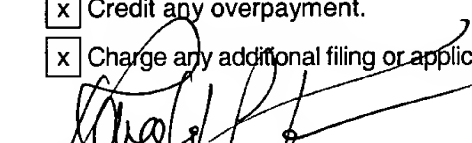




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Application No. 09/936,943		Filing Date January 16, 2002		Examiner L. Nguyen	
				Art Unit 2853	
Applicant(s): Yuji YAKURA, et al.					
Invention: METHOD FOR DRIVING RECORDING HEAD, RECORDING HEAD AND INK JET PRINTER					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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In re the Application of:

Yuji YAKURA et al.

Application No.: 09/936,943

Filed: January 16, 2002

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INK JET PRINTER

Examiner: L. Nguyen

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**RESPONSE**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Official Action mailed on September 11, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 16, 19, 25, 28 and 34 as shown in the  
Appendix. The claims as amended in clean form are presented below.

1. (Amended) A method for driving a recording head having a plurality of  
heating elements as driving elements for ejecting ink droplets from a plurality of  
nozzles, the plurality of heating elements being arranged in a direction substantially  
perpendicular to the direction of carrying a carried recording medium, the method  
comprising:

a time-division driving step of dividing the plurality of heating elements into  
a plurality of blocks, each block consisting of a predetermined number of spatially  
arranged heating elements of the plurality of heating elements corresponding to the  
plurality of nozzles, and sequentially driving each set of heating elements  
simultaneously driven over the respective blocks, in a time-divisional manner in a  
driving order so that non-adjacent heating elements are driven next to avoid cross-talk  
due to driving adjacent heating elements; and

a recording step of ejecting ink droplets from the nozzles corresponding to  
the driven heating elements and impacting the ink droplets on the recording medium,

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